

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Wachusett Mountain State Reservation

June - August 2023

Programs At a Glance

WEDNESDAY

- 5:30pm—7:30pm: Take a Hike

THURSDAY

- 11am—12pm: Kidleidoscope
- 1pm—3:30pm: Old Growth Walk

FRIDAY

- 11am—12pm: Summer Wildflower Walk
- 2pm—3pm: Tree ID Walk

SATURDAY

- 11am—11:30am: Wild!Life on the Mountain
- 12pm—12:30pm: The Forest Before Us

SUNDAY

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- 12pm—12:30pm: The Forest Before Us

Program Descriptions

KIDLEIDOSCOPE

This program is designed to help young children understand the natural world around them. You’ll hear a story, participate in a short activity and make a craft to take home with you.

Meet at the Visitor Center. Appropriate for ages 3 to 6. Siblings are welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult.

OLD GROWTH FOREST WALK

We will take you to view some of the oldest trees found here, many 300 years old or older. Wachusett Mountain has the only old-growth forest east of the Connecticut River in Massachusetts.

Meet at the Visitor Center. Appropriate for ages 13 and above. Approximately 2 miles over moderate terrain.

THE FOREST BEFORE US

Can’t see the forest for the trees? We can help! Join us as for a talk about forest growth from the last glacial period to today.

Meet at the Summit near the Fire Tower. Appropriate for ages 10 and above.

TAKE A HIKE

For those new to hiking or want to explore Wachusett Mountain as part of a group, this program is for you! We’ll explore a different route each week.

Meet at the Visitor Center. Appropriate for ages 16 and up. Hikes vary from 2 to 4 miles, most routes are moderate with some steep sections.

TREE ID WALK

Learn how to use leaves, tree shape, and bark to identify common species of trees.

Meet at the Visitor Center. Appropriate for ages 10 and up. Less than half a mile on easy terrain.

SUMMER WILDLIFE WALK

Did you know that there have been hundreds of wildflower species documented here? On this stroll we will look at the most common wildflowers here at Wachusett.

Meet at the Visitor Center. Appropriate for ages 10 and above. Approximately one mile over easy terrain.

WILD!LIFE ON THE MOUNTAIN





Discover the fascinating lives of the “locals” in this talk about wildlife habitats, competition, and survival on Wachusett Mountain. See and touch the skins, skulls, and tracks of some of our native animals, including coyotes, deer, bobcats, and bears.



Meet at the Summit near the Fire Tower. Appropriate for ages 5 and above.



Programs are free and open to the public. Reservations are not required. **An adult must accompany all children under the age of 15.** Reasonable accommodations available upon advance request. Please dress for the outdoors with sturdy footwear, and bring water, sunscreen, and insect repellent.

Programs are subject to cancellation based on staff availability and weather conditions.

-  Wheelchair accessible
-  Designed for kids
-  Fun for the whole family
-  Hiking

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